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WHEN I
FOUND "IT"

IT WAS
A HUMID JUNE
AFTERNOON,

WITH
SUMMER
JUST AROUND
THE CORNER,



The
Hanging Garden

Shiroyane Hina

THE
FLOWER

I WONDER
WHO DID IT

WASN'T
FLAUNTING
ITS
EXISTENCE,

A SKETCH
OF A FLOWER?

BUT

IT WAS
INDISPUTABLE
PROOF THAT
SOMEONE HAD
BEEN THERE.



ABOUT
TODAY'S
COMMITTEE
BUSINESS

WHA-AT?

THE
ENVIRONMENTAL
MAINTENANCE
COMMITTEE



OH!

SHIMAKO-SAAJIN!



I WAS
IN CHARGE
OF THE
COURTYARD



WE DID
SIMPLE,
LOW-KEY
THINGS

DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING
THAT
GARNERED
MUCH
ATTENTION

I FIXED
FLOWER BEDS
WHEN THEY
NEEDED IT .
THINGS LIKE
THAT

WHEN
THEY WERE
RUINED
OR WHEN
I'D FIXED
THEM.

NOBODY
EVER
NOTICED

THERE
WAS A
TIME
WHEN I
THOUGHT
THAT WAY.



Oh
There
are
more.

TO BE
DOING
SOMETHING
USEFUL

BUT
IT
WAS
STILL
GLAD



WHO
COULD BE
DRAWING
THEM?

BUT
EVERY TIME
I LOOKED
AT THOSE
FLOWERS,
WHICH
INCREASED
AT RANDOM
INTERVALS,

I
COULDN'T
HELP
THINKING
THAT
SOMEONE
WAS AWARE
OF MY
EXISTENCE,

AND IT
MADE ME
UNEPLICABLY
HAPPY

GIASP



SOMEONE'S
IN THE
FLOWERBED!



DASH





WHO WAS
DRAWING THE
FLOWERS

I
WANTED
TO KNOW



ROSA GIGANTEA
?



SHOULD
I JUST
COME OUT
WITH IT—

COULD
ROSA
GIGANTEA

BE
DRAWING
THEM
.. ?



AND
ASK
HER?

UUM!



DID
YOU DRAW
THOSE
FLOWERS?



YES.

YOU
MEAN THESE
SKETCHES?



SORRY
TO BREAK IT
TO YOU, BUT
IT WASN'T
ME.





OH ...
I SEE.



WHAT'S
THE DEAL
WITH THE
FLOWERS?

OH
...



I SUPPOSE
THEY'RE JUST
IDLE SKETCHES.

WELL,
THERE'S
ONE I DREW
IN THERE TOO,
BUT ..

SOMEONE
IS DRAWING
THEM.



BUT IT
MAKES ME
HAPPY WHEN I
THINK THAT
SOMEONE

MIGHT
BE AWARE
OF THE FACT
THAT I'M HERE
...



HOW
ROMANTIC.



HUHH ...

IT'S

ALMOST
AS THOUGH
I'M EXCHANGING
MESSAGES WITH
SOME UNKNOWN
PERSON,
THROUGH THE
FLOWERS.

WHEN
ROSA
GIGANTEA

SAID THAT,
HER EYES





AND



LOOKED

THE WAY
THEY DID
THAT DAY I
SAW HER
FEEDING
THE CAT.

FOR SOME
REASON,
THAT MADE ME
MORE SURE
THAN EVER

THAT
ROSA GIGANTEA
WAS THE ONE
DRAWING THE
FLOWERS



OH

...

KIND,
BUT SOMEHOW
SAD AND DISTANT,
TOO



WHERE
IS SHE
GOING?

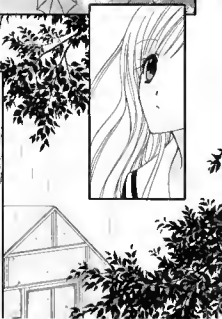
She doesn't
even have
an umbrella!



IT'S ROSA
GIGANTEA



Press



BADUMP

SHE'S
CRYING

?

EVEN
IF

AND THAT SHE
NEEDED SOMEONE
TO BE THERE
FOR HER,

THAT IT WAS
SOMETHING
I SHOULDN'T
HAVE SEEN,

I IMMEDIATELY
REALIZED TWO
THINGS:



WASN'T
ME

THE
PERSON
SHE TRULY
NEEDED

o'clock...



ROSA
GIGANTEA
... ?



OH.

OH ...
IT'S YOU,
SHIMAKO



I WAS
ALREADY
REGRETTING
MY DECISION

...
SORRY.

YOU
STARTLED
ME ...

I ...
I'M SORRY.

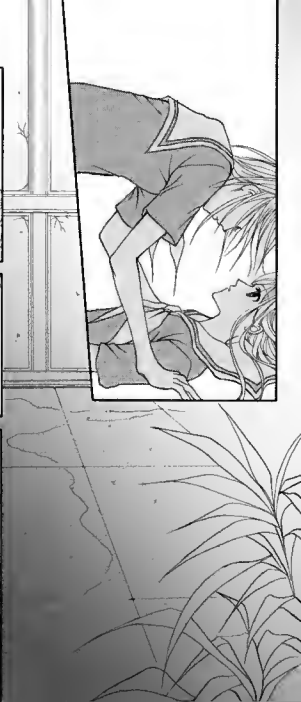
I'LL LEAVE
IMMEDIATELY
... !

I SHOULDN'T
HAVE GONE
TO HER.

DASH

WAIT!

CRASH





I DREAMED

THAT
NIGHT,



LYING IN
THAT OLD
GREENHOUSE

OF TWO
GIRLS
COVERED IN
FLOWERS

TWO SLEEPING GIRLS, BEING BURIED UNDER A CASCADE OF FLOWERS.



BUT
SORT OF
NOT.

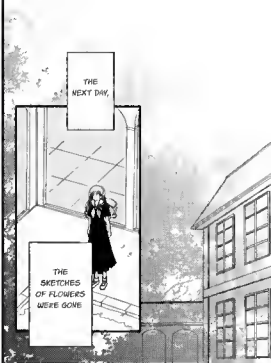
THEY WERE
SORT OF LIKE
ROSA GIGANTEA
AND ME,

BUT NO MORE
EVER APPEARED



THE
NEXT DAY,

THE
SKETCHES
OF FLOWERS
WERE GONE



I KEPT
ON WAITING
FOR SOMEONE
TO DRAW THEM
AGAIN,



THEY MUST
HAVE BEEN
WASHED AWAY
IN THE RAIN
THE DAY
BEFORE





ALL RIGHT,
YOU CAN
ENTER THE
GROUNDS.

WHEN
SUMMER
VACATION
ROLLED
AROUND,

I HAD YET
TO SEE
ROSA
GIGANTEA
AGAIN

A
COMMITTEE
...

NO

IS IT
FOR A
CLUB?

YOU'RE
VERY
DEDICATED,
COMING EVEN
DURING
SUMMER
VACATION.

THE
SCHOOL
BUILDINGS
CERTAINLY ARE
DESERTED



C'mon,
eat up
♪



ROSA
GIGANTEA



SHE

"WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO DO
ABOUT THIS CAT?"

"NOTHING, REALLY "



BUT SHE
REALLY IS
WORRIED
ABOUT HIM

...



There,
there

purr
purr

SAID
THAT
THEN,

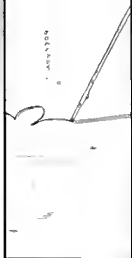
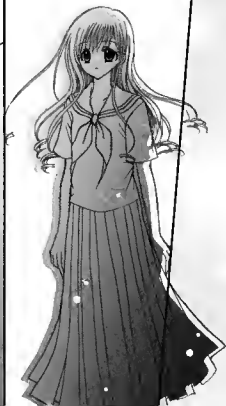


... ?





.....{o_o}.....



Rocky shore.



SEE YOU,
GORONTA.

I'LL
BE BACK.

WELL

...

meow

HER
SKETCH

SHE'D
ERASED

I DOUBTED

SHE'D BE DRAWING
ANY MORE FLOWERS
THERE,

.....

BUT

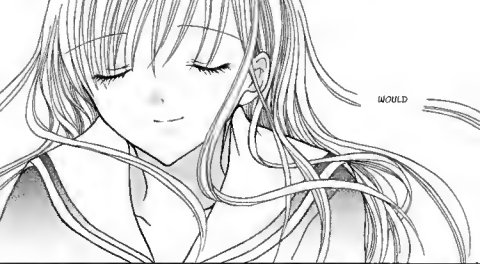


HER VOICE,

HER GAZE,

AND THE FEELINGS
SHE COULDN'T PUT
INTO WORDS

HER KINDNESS,



WOULD

LIVE ON INSIDE ME,
ETERNALLY IN BLOOM.
LIKE FLOWERS.

END

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